

LIL' & TINY RAMS



Ralston Schools Foundation

TINY RAMS TIMES SEPTEMBER 2021

Hello!

The beginning of the school year just flew by last month; it's hard to believe it's already September. We had so much fun learning about space and talking all about ourselves and what makes us different! Our friends are looking forward to the possibility of cooler weather and learning all about the harvest and what happens on a farm! We will learn about different community helpers and what we can do to show our gratitude every day for all of their hard work!

As always, please continue to monitor yourself and your children for any symptoms relating to COVID, and if you or someone in your family is sick, please keep your child home. ***If someone in your household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home until you have results.***

Did you know September 14th is National Coloring Day? National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time to color! You can use markers, crayons, colored pencils or even paint, just use your imagination! You can even get together with friends and family and have a coloring party. Another great way to celebrate National Coloring Day is to donate art supplies to a local school or library!

- Your Tiny Rams Team

THEMES:

"Harvest, Farm, Community Helpers"

SAVE THE DATE:

Sept. 6th – Labor Day
CLOSED!

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Preschool children & staff are required to wear a mask. Parents & visitors will also be asked to wear a mask when picking up/dropping off. Students & staff who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms will be asked to stay home.

REMINDERS:

Please be sure your child has weather & size appropriate extra clothing in their cubby. We also ask that you continue to send sunscreen for your child. In addition, please send an extra mask for your preschool age children. Each child also needs a clean & FILLED water bottle each and every day!

MISC:

Lil' & Tiny Rams is hiring! If you know a qualified individual who would enhance our team, send them our way! You could receive **\$150 tuition credit!** For additional information reach out to Sara or Lori.

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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Megan, Shelby, Eva

We are so ecstatic to have some cooler weather (hopefully)! Our themes this month are community helpers, farm, and harvest, and we are so excited to do so many fun activities related to them! We have lots of sensory bin activities planned, along with corn painting, badge coloring, free art, dress up, and so much more! We are going to read lots of books and talk about how wonderful community helpers are. We are going to continue getting used to the new routines and environment, as well as working on sign language (more, please, and all done). Our friends are going to love trying to stack blocks and then knocking them over, and counting how many farm animals we find around the room.

Early Learning Guideline Goals:

(HP.01) Uses finger and hand control to operate and use small objects demonstrating fine motor coordination. (SE.03) Develops foundational skills to support cooperation and prosocial behavior.



"Our Infant friends love playing with the fine motor toys!"

Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Heather

This month for our community helper theme, we will talk about dentists and paint paper teeth with toothbrushes! Our friends will also talk about firefighters and make firefighter hats. We will learn about the farm and will do an experiment with eggs and salt water to see if the eggs will float. To learn about the harvest we will sort leaves into different piles according to color, shape, and size! As a class, are working on getting our routine down and eating together for meals at the table.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: (SE.02) Manages emotions with increasing independence: Follows simple rules when stated in a positive manner and begins to use different ways to calm or comfort self when upset. (AL.01) Develops Foundational Skills that support initiative, self-direction, and curiosity as a learner: Children begin to show interest in new objects, experiences, and people.

We will be keeping the environment of the classroom calm and inviting to meet these goals.



"Infant/Toddler friends used a ziplock bag to mix paint colors!"

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Amber & Katie

This month we've got so many fun activities planned such as washing our toy animals, life cycle of a gourd, a visit from a real policeman (and possibly a fireman!!), and thank you cards for our maintenance staff! Our picnics this month will include fruit pie for harvest, smoothies for farm, and soup (as in soup kitchen) for community helpers. This month we are working on being receptive and accepting when our friends say "No, thank you", "Busy", or "I don't like that"

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: LL 02 children begin to use words, phrases, short sentences, and gestures to communicate needs, wants, feelings, or thoughts



"Splish, Splash! Our last days of summer fun!"

Preschool

Teachers: Emily (Miss E) & Shannon

September will be full of exciting activities. We will learn how to grow apples and explore different parts of the apple along with many different kinds and colors apples can be. Our class will learn about how the weather changes in the fall and what makes the leaves change color. We will have math activities to learn how to read and make our own bar graphs. Also, the children will be introduced to learning number recognition by teaching them touch math. We will also work on role playing to help our friends understand our class rules and work on social and emotional behavior. Tiny Rams will have fun as we learn apple and fall themed songs using instruments!

Early Learning Guidelines Goals:

Health and Safety Practices Child develops an awareness and understanding of health, physical activity, and safety (stay together when we walk in the hall, hand washing, table manners) Children will work on mask etiquette properly putting on and taking off their mask and placing them in proper spots when not in use.



"Preschool friends are ready to start the school year!"

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Megan

"My favorite part about working for Tiny Rams is watching a child learn and develop. I like building relationships with parents and partnering to help their child grow."



Hello, I'm Megan. I am the Asst. Center Director and Infant Teacher at Tiny Rams! I have been working for Tiny Rams off and on for nearly 14 years! I have also worked as a nanny and taught preschool in Missouri for a year. You can reach me at megan.hazelwood@ralstonschools.org

My husband Ruben & I just had a baby girl Adelaide in May. We also have 2 dogs. I enjoy hanging out with family, playing games and doing "crafty" things!

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

Season: Spring & Summer

Holiday: Christmas

Vacation: Southern Missouri

Food: Tacos

Color: Pink

Drink: Coffee or Strawberry/Banana Body Armor

T.V. Show: The Office

Movie: Any Marvel Movie

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STEP UP TO QUALITY

Tiny Rams is Step 4 Rated, learn more here

education.ne.gov/stepuptoquality/

PROCARE

Download the free parent communication app to view live updates of your child's daily activities

Procure
SOLUTIONS

Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction

Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Face Masks

- To start the school year, face masks will be **REQUIRED** for students and staff inside elementary buildings when students are present.
- Masks are **OPTIONAL** inside secondary buildings for fully vaccinated staff and students.
- It is **RECOMMENDED** that any staff, student, or visitor not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask while inside a District building.



In accordance with CDC guidelines, all students while riding on District transportation will be required to wear a mask.



Maintaining Healthy Facilities

- RPS will continue to stress proper hand-washing, cough, and sneeze etiquette to our students, staff, and visitors.
- Water fountains will not be in use but water bottle fillers will be accessible to students and staff.
- Buildings/staff will be provided cleaning wipes to disinfect high touch surface areas throughout the day. Our custodial staff will continue to clean all buildings thoroughly and frequently.



Contact Tracing and Screening

- Contact tracing will continue and will be done by the RPS Health Team under the guidance of the Douglas County Health Department.
- Students, parents, and staff will be asked to do daily temperature and symptom checks before coming to school.
- Students and staff who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to stay home.
- Confirmed cases and/or Direct Contacts may be required to self-monitor at home depending on vaccination status and mask usage.



Social Distancing

- The CDC recommends maintaining a social distance of three feet between people who are not fully vaccinated, combined with indoor mask wearing.
- Social Distancing will be practiced to the greatest extent possible.
- Where possible, student desks/tables will face in the same direction.



Guests and Events

- Schools can host in-person special events (Back to School Nights, fundraisers, etc.). No attendance limitations. RPS recommends any staff, student, or visitor not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask.
- Guests are allowed inside schools while following District guidelines. All those visiting elementary schools must wear a mask while inside during school hours when students are present.



Additional Important Information

- RPS Health Information Hotline will be available for the 2021-2022 school year. The number is 402-898-3474.
- RPS will continue to encourage individuals to receive a vaccination and will monitor information regarding vaccinations and will provide updates to staff, students, and parents when necessary.

To view the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan in its entirety, please visit our website (ralstonschools.org). The District's plan is meant to be adapted and updated throughout the school year, based on COVID-19 incidences within our community and guidance from federal, state, and local government and health departments.